

swived in this letter of Mr. Aspinwall to the company over which he formerly presided:

New York, Wednesday, May 7, 1856.
To the President and Directors of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, New York:

GENTLEMEN: I take advantage of the close of our year to communicate my determination to resign all, until further notice, my emoluments which may become due to me, and my assignment to the company of the mail contract, as detailed in the terms of the subscription to the capital stock of the company, and the same will be suspended, because it will not serve the right to resume what I now hold, unless such a step is advisable. I also wish, from the time I have resigned, to make no payment on the same, and to do so in the way of exact salaries of home, and to agents elsewhere, for the benefit of the company. The demand, until further notice, to place six per cent. on the amount of goods failing which, for other purposes, and to the credit of profit and loss. With earnest wishes for the continual success of the company, I am, etc., Wm. H. ASPINWALL.

The principal dealers in the street are still declining to buy Land Warrants, but we hear of a few transactions at 90c. per acre, a decline of 10 to 12c. within day or two.

It is stated that the new Artisan's Bank, now in course of organization, will be located in the marble building, between Beekman and Ann streets, built on the old Bible House site, and will be under the Presidency of Mr. Platt, the jewelry house of that

In our notice, yesterday, of the Raritan and Delaware Bay Railroad Company, we were in error, both as to the terms of the contract and the persons contracting. The contract, as we now understand, is favorable alike for the Company and the contractors, and the gentlemen who have undertaken it are able to carry out their engagements.

The Cotton market is firm under the foreign advice, with a fair business done.

The Breadstuff markets are active and buoyant. The sales of Flour are quite large, and the market has an upward tendency. Wheat is 2c. per bushel better, with a large demand. Corn is more firmly held. Pork is dull and heavy. The auction sale of Coffee went off heavily.

In the Money market we have no change to notice. The supply is equal to the demand, and in the quarters in which we have inquired the contraction of the Banks has been suspended.

An attempt is being made among the wholesale dealers to adopt the decimal currency in their transactions. A large portion of the trade have pledged themselves to this course, and it is to be hoped that the movement will be successful.

Among the passengers by the steamer yesterday from Boston was Mr. Maré, of the house of Maré & Kan, of this city.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has just paid to the City of Philadelphia \$200,000, the amount of the 4 per cent dividend on the five millions of stock which it holds in the Company. This stock was obtained by the issue of 6 per cent bonds, and gives a profit to the city on the last semi-annual payment of \$30,000.

A comparison of the footings of the weekly Bank statement of the Boston Banks with those of the statement for the previous week exhibits the following results:

May 12. May 19.
Capital Stock.....\$31,969,660 \$31,969,660
Loans and discounts.....52,693,750 51,944,544
Deposits in Branches.....4,737,355 4,737,355
Due from other Banks.....6,836,096 6,817,572
Deposits.....5,334,292 5,334,292
Deposits.....17,003,041 16,766,400
Deposits.....7,174,129 7,174,129
Circulation.....49,414 49,414

Mr. G. K. Sistare advertises in our column to purchase certificates of Texas debt not recognized by the law of Congress in relation to the date of that State.

The letters by the Fulton are generally more hopeful than those by the previous steamers. Money on the Continent is quoted rather easier, excepting at Hamburg, where the discount rate is 7 1/2 per cent. In London, at the close, there was less stringency. We hear of but little doing in American securities in London, but the market was, under the circumstances, well sustained. Some orders have come out for the purchase of Illinois Central stock. The London journals by the Canadas speak of an active Money market, but of a steady market for Consols. The Times says:

"In addition to the extraordinary pressure for loans in the Stock Exchange to-day, the commercial demand was very active. The applications at the Bank were consequently extremely heavy, and far beyond anything that could have been anticipated after the temporary quietness in the earlier part of the week."

The News of Friday says:

"THURSDAY EVENING.—The variation in the funds to-day was limited to about 1 1/2 per cent, and prices closed the same as yesterday. On the whole, the market maintains firmness. This was settling day in Consols. The arrangements new completed, so that there is still a considerable supply of stock about, owing to the rapidity of the creation from the last loan, nevertheless, a disposition to operate for higher prices is still observable, encouraged by the steady investments of the Government, and by the belief that the next Government will be of small amount. Prices were additionally strengthened to-day by reports that the next Bank return will present a more favorable appearance. According to the day's rumor, the bullion will exhibit an increase of about \$100,000. Moreover, the arrivals of specie continue liberal, and the exceptional remittances against the Turkish loan are not expected to be continued more than a week or two longer. Under these circumstances, the belief is expressed that, although the rates of money may not be immediately reduced, the period of greatest stringency has now passed."

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